

A COMMUNISTIC COLLEGE

An Odd Educational Enterprise in Northern Illinois.

The Workers Are Building Up a Small City of Their Own—Labor a Necessary Part of the Exercise.

They are making a communistic educational experiment near the little town of St. Anne, Ill., some 60 miles south of Chicago, that has already attracted a good deal of attention and is sure to be talked of the world over if anything like success is accomplished.

Upon this tract stands not only the university buildings, but also the homes for the time being, of all the students and teachers. The land is cultivated cooperatively by all, the proceeds are sold for the benefit of all, the property of the community is kept in a common storehouse.

The community started with a capital of \$1,000, invested in tools, machinery and live stock. The school has asked for no gifts, does not expect to secure any endowments, and will appeal neither to the charity nor the beneficence of the public in any way.

The educational workers are building up their own city, including houses, school and farm. The dwellings are cottages, 12x8 feet on the ground and a story and a half high, with first-class cedar roofs.

They have built five miles of fences; planted fruit trees and 300 grape vines; have set out an immense garden of about 10 acres, have fields containing 20,000 sweet potato plants, 21 acres of Irish potatoes, 80 acres of oats, 250 acres of corn, 40 acres of sorghum, 20 acres of millet and 20 acres of buckwheat, all of which are in very fine condition.

It is the unanimous verdict of the large number of visitors that no finer crop nor better farming is to be found anywhere than there.

The cottages are built in a sort of semi-circle, following a slight rise of ground which is everywhere overgrown with bluegrass. It would be difficult to find, or to produce, even with a considerable expenditure of money, a more beautiful location for the home than this little grove has furnished, ready made.

The farm in which the buildings are constructed is that of a small village, but there is no subdivision of land and no sale of lots. The school will hold in its own name and for its own use, all land, houses, shops and implements of every kind. There is no way in which any person can secure a speculative or even legitimate business interest in any of the work of this school.

The school simply provides an opportunity for study for those who are willing, by their own toil, to take advantage of such opportunity; and the only return offered for labor is mental training. The man who does not want to study has no reason for going there, and will not be admitted, or if admitted by mistake, will not be permitted to return.

In fact, this unique community combines the elements of socialism and communism, and it is to be hoped without any of their evils. The aim of the students of the People's university is to sink individualism and accomplish the greatest good for all.

Here is the order of the day's work: The rising bell rings at 6 o'clock, breakfast at 6:30, and all hands attend this morning service in their working clothes. They go direct from this service to their work in the field.

From 6:30 to 8 the time is spent in rest and play, and from 8 to 9 in study, after which the day is done and all retire. Sunday forenoon is one's own for reading and rest, and at 3 in the afternoon a service of public worship is held.

The work of building this community was undertaken by Walter Thomas Mills, who, as field secretary for the organization, is entirely responsible for its management. The appointment of teachers, securing of students, discipline, in fact, the complete management of the school in its industrial classroom work, is for the

present in his hands. It is an old idea of his. Mr. Mills is known as a lecturer on temperance and other social and economical topics.

A Battle of Odors. "Aunt Phebe, that man in the upper berth is smoking a cigarette."

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for Jan. 16, 1897.

- Brown, Wm Bonner, C M
Brown, Belle S Brown, Albert
Bates, Miss Mary Cederson, P N
Cooper, Mr Campbell, Jno A
Clark, F J Davidson, W J
Davidson, D Elliott, Jas
Elliott, J M Flock, Jno A
Gilbert, M Hobbs, Geo
Hall, S J Hix, Miss May
Johnson, Dollie Jackson, Mrs T
Kerns, Will Lockwood, Alonzo
Leet, O E Leland, W H
McElroy, Jno McGov, Christina
Millard, Mrs M L McLennan, L
McCormick, J E 2 McKee, Jas A
McKay, J P McNorton, Hy
McKella, Jno A Newman, J T
Nelson, N Osborne, Mrs Eliza
Pugh, Jno E Prant, Emile
Roberts, Lewis E Songster, Wm
Snow, R J Thomas, Lee
Turney, Ike Townsend, Hy
Yeackel, Geo
J. A. Crossen, P. M.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex.

Ravages of the Plague.

BOMBAY, Jan. 14.—Over half of the population of this city, estimated at about 900,000, has fled from the plague. It is estimated that 800,000 persons are encamped at Andheria, whence they will soon be forced to migrate, owing to the lack of water and sanitation threatening to breed cholera.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

To Contractors. The county court requests contractors to submit plans and estimates for a bridge across Hood river, at the town of Hood River.

Refrigerator Line. Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermeditated points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Artichokes for Sale. The undersigned has for sale the mammoth Jerusalem artichokes, and can furnish any amount of seed at \$1 per bushel.

M. Creveuil, being about to leave the city, offers his fine stock of artificial flowers, plants, etc., at greatly reduced prices.

All persons holding orders from Pease & Mays, or other coupons on Herrin's photograph gallery are requested to present them before January 15th.

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine BULL DURHAM Smoking Tobacco. Includes image of a tin and text: 'This is the very best Smoking Tobacco made.'

A CYCLING MINISTER'S EXPERIENCE. THE RESULTS OF LONG, HARD RIDING. FULLY 3,000 MILES ON HIS WHEEL.

He Makes Some Reflections on the Benefits of the Sport and Tells of its Dangers.



The Rev. Wm. P. F. Ferguson, whose picture we give above, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer and pastor that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.

Five o'clock the next morning brought a very unwelcome discovery. I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves.

Advertisement for D. W. VAUSE, PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS. WALL PAPER. Includes text: 'And the Most Complete and Latest Patterns and Designs in WALL PAPER. PRACTICAL PAINTER and PAPER HANGER.'

Advertisement for NORTHERN PACIFIC RY. Pullman Sleeping Cars, Elegant Dining Cars, Tourist Sleeping Car. Includes list of stations: ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, DULUTH, FARGO, GRAND FORKS, CROOKSTON, WINNIPEG, HELENA and BUTTE.

Advertisement for The Shasta Route Southern Pacific Comp'y. EAST and SOUTH via The Shasta Route. Includes text: 'Through Tickets CHICAGO WASHINGTON PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK BOSTON AND ALL PORTS EAST AND SOUTH.'

Table with columns: LEAVE, FROM JUNE 23, 1895, ARRIVE. Lists train schedules for OVERLAND EXPRESS, Roseburg and way stations, Salem and way stations, Corvallis and way stations, McMinnville and way stations.

DINING CARS ON OGDEN ROUTE. PULLMAN BUFFET SLEEPERS AND SECOND-CLASS SLEEPING CARS Attached to All Through Trains.

Through Ticket Office, 124 Third street, where through tickets to all points in the Eastern States, Canada and Europe can be obtained at lowest rates from

J. B. KIRKLAND, Ticket Agent. All above trains arrive at and depart from Grand Central Station, Fifth and Irving streets.

YAMHILL DIVISION. Passenger Depot, foot of Jefferson street. Leave for OSWEGO, week days, at 6:00, 7:20, 10:15 a. m., 12:15, 1:45, 2:25, 6:45 p. m. (and 11:30 p. m. on Saturday only). Arrive at Portland at 7:10, 8:30, 11:25 a. m., 1:30, 3:15, 6:35, 7:55, 9:10 p. m.

Leave for Sheridan, week days, at 4:30 p. m. Arrive at Portland, 9:30 a. m. Leave for ARLINE on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:40 a. m. Arrive at Portland, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday trains for OSWEGO leave at 7:20, 8:40, 10:15 a. m., 12:15, 1:45, 2:25, 6:45 p. m. Arrive at Portland at 12:35, 8:30, 10:30, 11:25 a. m., 1:30, 3:15, 5:10, 7:55 p. m.

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Advertisement for First National Bank. THE DALLES - - - OREGON. A General Banking Business transacted. Deposit received, subject to Sight Draft or Check.

Advertisement for FRENCH & CO., BANKERS. TRANSACT A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS. Letters of Credit issued available in the Eastern States.

Advertisement for Dalles City and Moro Stage Line. Leaves Williams Hotel, Moro, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a. m. prompt.

Advertisement for Bake Oven and Mitchell STAGE LINE. THOMAS HARPER, - - Proprietor. Stages leave Bake Oven for Antelope every day, and from Antelope to Mitchell three times a week.

Advertisement for HE GLADES RANCH, WHITE SALMON, WASH. Pure Bred Jersey Cattle, Jersey JERSEYS.

Advertisement for BLOOD POISON A SPECIALTY. Of the St. Lambert, Commasie and Tormentor raine. Three Choice Bulls for sale or rent.

Advertisement for J. B. GOIT, COUNTY SURVEYOR. Residence, Tenth and Liberty Streets.